

Bridgewater Township
Farmland Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2017
Bridgewater Township Hall
7:00pm

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
7:16 pm start

II. Citizen Participation
None.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

- Scaturio notes that agenda is all accurate with the exception of a presentation from the township planning chair, which was not possible without the chair's presence.
- Role call:
 - o PRESENT: Marcie Scaturio, Grant Howard, Dan McQueer, Remy Long.
 - o ABSENT: Dave Faust.

IV. Old Business

A. Approve meeting minutes

- To be finalized with missing approvals added and sent along with these minutes to the board and township supervisor.

B. Next meeting date

- It is proposed that this section be moved until later in the agenda to see where this meeting goes and what is warranted.
- Motion to approve: Howard.
- Second to motion: Scaturio.
- Vote: unanimous.

V. Reports

A. Long's Presentation

- Long presented information gathered from Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission prioritization mapping efforts, as well as information regarding federal, state and local programs.
- Conversation about property assessment valued associated with easements is had.
- Tax benefits of easements discussed. Board agrees more information is needed overall to get questions answered, and to make informed recommendations to the township board. Especially more questions about easement's perpetuity.
- It is agreed that members will contact key individuals to invite them to the next meeting to answer questions about conservation easements and more.
 - o Long will contact staff at Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and the executive director of Legacy Land Conservancy

- Scaturo will contact the township planning chair.
- McQueer will contact the township assessor.

VI. New Business

A. Township Planning Commission Chair's Presentation

- Planning chair did not attend meeting.

B. Review of 2017 goals:

- "Alphabet soup" workshop: professional event at Township Hall for township residents to gather information on land conservation options.

- Possibly contributing an article/invitation for the township newsletter to go out with the tax bills.

VII. Citizen Participation

None.

VIII. Adjournment –

-Motion to adjourn: Long

-Second to motion: McQueer

-Vote: unanimous.

NEXT meeting date: August 21st 2017, 6:30pm (tentatively third Monday of every month, at 6:30 pm, with Agenda to be sent by McQueer)